

This week, we celebrate National Nurses Week, to honor the men and women that care for us in some of our hardest moments. I am humbled to recognize the nurses of El Rio who endure so much for the health of our community.

From its beginning, El Rio has had a strong community base which comes from advocating and working to ensure that quality and affordable health care were provided to underrepresented communities in the late 1960s. Today, it is among the largest community health centers in Southern Arizona.

The legacy of quality and affordable health care continues at El Rio, because of the sacrifice and commitment of its nurses.

El Rio nurses are often the unsung heroes; they are protective of their patients, are selfless in the care they provide, and are in tune with the needs of the patient. This is just what we see as patients or family of loved ones.

Behind the scenes and off the clock, El Rio nurses are constantly training or researching the newest techniques, health trends, nurse education, or how to provide culturally and ethnically competent care. They do this so that their patients can have the most up-to-date and personal care.

This year, Congress is preparing to undertake health care reform, a debate that is decades old to which we will hopefully find solutions. The work by El Rio nurses are actions and principles that my colleagues and I should embrace as we move forward on this important debate. El Rio nurses are committed to the idea that each patient deserves respect, receives quality care, and is part of the community. If we could replicate their concern, passion, energy, and success, our country's system would provide the quality health care we all hope to attain.

Words are not strong enough to thank the nurses at El Rio on behalf of their dedication, sacrifice, and work for a better future.

HARRY FRANCIS CUNNINGHAM,  
JR.

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 2009*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the death of Harry Francis Cunningham, Jr., a patriotic American, a great Nebraskan and an unsung hero.

Harry Francis Cunningham devoted 31 years to the U.S. Foreign Service, serving in posts in Hungary, Spain, Germany, Vietnam, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Canada during the tumultuous times of 1938–1969. During that time, Mr. Cunningham was personally responsible for the safety and survival of many families. At the tender age of 25, Mr. Cunningham was able to accomplish feats only achieved by real heroes, and through his noble actions, countless Jewish lives were saved.

One example of Mr. Cunningham's many accomplishments is the story of Mr. Zoltan Roth and Mrs. Elizabeth Foldes, two people that he helped escape Hungary just before the onslaught of World War II.

Both Zoltan and Elizabeth were graduate medical students seeking to escape Europe

for America and facing dire circumstances. Both were brilliant students, but were banned by Hungarian medical school quotas against Jews. Instead, both graduated with honors from their respective schools, Zoltan from the University of Bologna in Italy and Elizabeth from Charles Medical University in Prague.

Upon her graduation, Elizabeth had been accepted at Columbia University in New York City to do graduate studies. She and Zoltan were about to be married, and wanted to come to America together. When she arrived at the American Embassy in Budapest, however, she learned for the first time that her student visa was unattainable. Six years before, her mother had, without Elizabeth's knowledge or consent, signed her up for permanent residency status and this had nullified the student visa process. A person applying for a student visa could not have signaled a desire to remain permanently. Their plight looked hopeless. They made an appointment, again at the American Embassy in Budapest, this time, fortuitously, being assigned to a Foreign Service Officer, who turned out to be Harry Francis Cunningham, Jr., 25 years old and on his first post. Creatively, Mr. Cunningham readjusted their visas giving Zoltan Roth, Elizabeth's permanent visa that she had not known about, as well as a quota number so he could leave Hungary within the next couple of months, freeing up her student visa application for her, and allowing them both entry into the United States.

Because of his kindness and creativity, Elizabeth and Zoltan came to the United States, each practicing medicine in Reading, Pennsylvania for over 50 years, they were generous philanthropists and community citizens. They raised three daughters who have been teachers, professors, authors, lecturers and leaders in the world-wide medical support community.

This was just one example of how Mr. Cunningham was able to assist refugees after the war by providing them safe entry into America to start new and productive lives.

Mr. Cunningham received a bachelor's of arts degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1933 and was awarded an UNL Alumni Achievement award in 1984. He was a former trustee of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and the UNL Alumni Association. He served on the Bishop's committee and was a church warden at St. Mark's Campus Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cunningham comes from a strong Nebraskan family as well. His father, Col. Harry Cunningham, took over the Nebraska State Capitol project after the death of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. He is survived by 11 grand children and 8 great grand children, several of which are still living in Nebraska.

Many families owe their survival, and the lives of their children and grandchildren, to Mr. Cunningham. So it is my true honor to remember this unsung hero here today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that on May 5th I was in my district attending the funeral of my Aunt

Julia Taglibue Monda who recently passed away at the age of 96, and I therefore missed the three rollcall votes of the day.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 231, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 299—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 232, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 338—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 233, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 353—Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days.

BOSWELL ENGINEERING

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 2009*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Boswell Engineering. In 1924, the late David C. Boswell recognized the need for engineering expertise in a world that was expanding and developing at a lightening-fast pace. It was then, in Ridgefield Park, NJ, that he founded Boswell Engineering. His leadership provided the solid foundation upon which the company is built.

Family ownership continued as both of David C. Boswell's sons—the late Howard L. Boswell, Sr. and David J. Boswell—became the second generation to own and operate the firm, each making his unique contribution toward establishing Boswell as a full-service engineering company. The company's third generation of family ownership and management headed by Stephen Boswell who together with his brothers Bruce and Kevin are presently providing the leadership for continuation and expansion of the superb quality of service and high standard of excellence Boswell is known for in the engineering community.

Through the company's fine history of engineering accomplishments—from a two-man field office concentrating on surveying and civil engineering to a 250 person multi-disciplined engineering firm serving numerous public sector clients at all levels of government, Boswell continues to play a major role in the structuring of the future and improving the quality of life for the cities, towns and counties with which it is associated.

Today, as the fourth generation is now actively engaged at the family owned business, Boswell Engineering, which has been headquartered in Bergen County since it's founding in 1924, looks forward to maintaining a reputation for excellence by continuing to provide superb engineering services envisioned by its founder 85 years ago.